

Here, four sixth graders—inspired by Sharon Creech’s [Love That Dog](#) and a very famous poem by William Carlos Williams—wrote the following poems about important things. As they wrote and revised, each poet worked hard on his/her voice and word choice.

Read all four poems, then work with a partner to determine where you think each poet shows his or her best skill with voice or with word choice.

So Much Depends Upon

by Romeo, sixth grade poet

So much depends
Upon inspiration
Eyes so curious
So watchful and alert
Curious eyes always moving
Entering, retaining images
Ears listening always alert
Willing to listen and learn
Our nose picks up smells and judges aromas
Smells as sweet as sugar cubes
Sour just like lemonade
All of these senses help
Your mind burst
With imagination and
That my friend is the
Everyday duty of
Inspiration.



So Much Depends Upon

by Courtney, sixth grade poet

So much depends upon
A tree swaying in the wind
Providing
Oxygen for life
And a
Home for birds and squirrels
Who nestle high up in
The branches.
A tree
Watches generations
That come and go,
Seeing familiar faces
Walk by.
One single tree
Can change the world somehow
Providing
Food
For all the
Bugs that slither
Upon the graceful leaves
Providing shelter
For animals to raise their young
In peace.
So much depends upon one tree.



So Much Depends Upon

by Luke, sixth grade poet

So much depends upon
Instruments
To make your
Body
Move to the beat
Music
Lifted in the
Air
As you dance
Notes
Shaped like
Clouds
Of songs
That you hear
Music.



So Much Depends Upon

by Josh, sixth grade poet

So much depends upon
Your family who loves
And cares for you
Who warms your blue soul
There for you
If you need a hug
There to hold your hand
In times of struggle
Sharing your laughter and joy
Family is where the heart is.

